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> Dr. Joshua Lederberg Department of Genetics University of Wisconsin Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Doctor Lederberg:

We have a request for a uracil-requiring mutant of E. coli #550-460, but have been unable to find a reference to a strain bearing this number. On the chance that it may be one of your strains of E. coli I am writing to inquire. In case you have it we would like to receive a culture. If you don't, please write "no" on this letter and return.

In any event, thanks.

Sincerely,

Freeman A. Weiss

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